

Appln. No. 10/015,905
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Reply to Office action of March 6, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated March 6, 2003 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. In the Office action, various questions and issues are raised concerning the description of the new variety. By the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a *bona fide* attempt to address each of the issues and questions raised.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'MISS AMBER'

5 CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new *Rosaceae* plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'MISS AMBER'.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus Rosaceae which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) 15 unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'MISS AMBER'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new 20 variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to 25 form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
5 flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

15	Form:	Spreading
	Growth:	Semi-vigorous
	Size:	Height about 36 inches; width about 36 inches
20	Foliage	
	Size:	<u>Terminal leaflet length</u> Length about 2 1/4 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
	Quantity:	<u>About 5</u> <u>Usually compound</u> <u>5</u> <u>leaflet leaves,</u> <u>occasional</u> <u>7</u> <u>leaflet leaves</u>
25	Color	
	New foliage:	Upper side near 178A; under side near 179A
30	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 137A; under side near 137D
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	
35	Upper side:	Smooth, <u>semi-glossy</u>

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	Under side:	Matte
5	Edge:	Serrated
	Serration:	Serrate
	Petioles:	Top surface color near 143B; Under side near 143C
10	Stipules:	Medium length
	Rachis:	Few prickles
	<u>Variegation:</u>	None
	<u>Veination:</u>	None
	WOOD	
15	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 178B
	Old wood	
20	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 143A
	Flowering stem:	Length about [[3]] <u>12</u> inches
	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Fair
25	<u>Temperature range:</u>	Between 16° and 120° F
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Medium vigor
30	Leaves per stem:	About 5
	<u>Prickles/Thorns:</u>	<u>Thorns about 1/4 inch long,</u> <u>color near 165A, dorsal</u> <u>shaped</u>
	FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE	
35	Blooming Habit:	Continuous

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	Bud	Length about 2 inches; width about 1 9/16 inches
5	Form:	Classic rose form
	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 33A; when sepals first divide color near 33A; when petals begin to unfurl color near 37A
10	Sepals:	Long and thin, <u>usually about 5 sepals 1 inch long by 1/4 inch wide with a few small extensions</u>
15	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 1/2 inches
	Color	Topside near 143B; bottom near 144A
20	Peduncle	
	Length:	About 3 inches, <u>smooth</u>
	Strength:	Erect
	Color:	Near 178B
25	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 1/4 inches
	Borne:	Single
	Form:	High center; unfurls full
30	Petalage:	About 26
	Petaloids in center:	About 7, <u>near 58A</u>
	Persistence:	<u>Good Petals do not drop</u>
	Fragrance:	Slight
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting
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	Color	
5	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 37A; bottom near 38A; outer petals topside near 37B, bottom near 38B
10	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 2A
	General tonality from a distance:	Near 38B
	Color Change:	Remains the same even after 3 or more days
15	Petals	
	Texture:	<u>Thin / soft</u> <u>Thin, soft,</u> <u>oblong, about 1 1/2 inch long</u> <u>by about 1 1/4 inch wide</u>
20	Shape:	Longer than wider
	Arrangement:	Imbricated
	Appearance:	Velvety
	REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS	
25	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles
	Color:	Filaments near 7A; Anthers near 10A
	Pollen:	No pollen
30	Styles:	<u>Thin; medium length, about</u> <u>110 anthers and filaments</u>
	Stigmas:	Usual
	Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
	Shape:	Round
35	Size:	Small; about 1/4 inch

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Color: Near 138B

Seeds: No seeds

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I CLAIM:

A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety
5 substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with orange flowers.

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